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[THE following letter from our chaplain-general is just received, and thinking it may be of interest to the other members of the guild, I take the liberty of sharing it with them, trusting that he may not object.

ANNIE H. B. HOWE, Secretary.]

"LONDON, June 18, 1902.

"MY DEAR MRS. HOWE: I have had such a delightful evening as the representative of the Guild of St. Barnabas that I must tell you about it before I sleep. By the merest chance I visited St. Bartholomew's Hospital this afternoon, and while there asked about the guild, whereupon I was taken to see Miss Greenstreet, one of the two survivors of the four who started the guild twenty-six years ago. She told me that I must surely attend the anniversary service at 'St. Mary Abbott' this evening and the tea and meeting afterwards, which I was only too glad to do. There were six hundred or seven hundred nurses,—just think of it!—and all Church of England communicants. There was a short service, a copy of which I enclose, and the dear, delightful Bishop of London preached. Then came the tea in the Town Hall of Kensington, where I think at least three hundred or four hundred nurses sat at the tables, and we had, among other things, delicious English strawberries as big as plums. Then followed the annual report of the secretary-general, and I thought of our secretary-general, and wished that she was there, and then speeches grave and gay by the Bishop of London and by several priests-associate. Of course, I told them about the American order and some of our difficulties and our members, which, after all, are creditable for our shorter history. Their total is twenty-four hundred odd, and that includes Canada and Australia and Africa,—not many associates, far fewer in proportion than we have. I was greeted with much enthusiasm, and a message was sent to our guild of loving greeting and many good wishes. I had a lovely time, and was so glad that I happened to hear about the occasion. I shall want to tell you all about it when I see you—about the sermon, the English chaplain-general, the guild flower, which is the pansy, or heart's-ease, and about Miss Broom, the guild member who returned from South Africa and has been appointed by the government as head of the newly established department of army nurses for the empire.

"But I must stop now. With much love to all our guild,

"Always sincerely yours,

"CORTLANDT WHITEHEAD."

BOSTON BRANCH.—Our festival meeting was a most enjoyable one and was held at St. Andrew's, Chambers Street, early celebrations of the Holy Communion having been held at St. John's and St. Stephen's in the morning of the same day. The service at eight P.M. at St. Andrew's was well attended and

enjoyed. In the chancel were the Rev. Edward Osborne, S. S. J. E., Rev. Reuben Kidner, Rev. Edward Bornecamp, Rev. F. W. Fitts, and our chaplain, the Rev. Ellis Bishop. The sermon was preached by Mr. Kidner, and two members, Miss Charlotte Moodie and Miss Ada Titus, were received by the chaplain.

The social hour was most delightful. We had delegations from various hospitals, including the New England Hospital, Roxbury, the City, and the Massachusetts General, and we feel sure that all our guests enjoyed themselves.

We all missed our former editor, Miss Tippet, and many wishes were expressed for her enjoyment during her visit in England. Many of our priests-associate from the various parishes in Boston and the suburbs shared our evening's pleasure, and we had visits also from a few of our medical friends.

HARTFORD BRANCH.—The eleventh annual meeting of the branch of the guild here was held on May 14. There was a service at the Church of the Good Shepherd at three o'clock in the afternoon and the chaplain was assisted by the rector of the parish. As it was the eve of Ascension Day, the chaplain's address was appropriate to the day, and the lesson, which was read by Mr. Linsley, was the latter part of the twenty-fourth chapter of St. Luke's Gospel. Special prayers were offered for Miss Pilgard, who was most dangerously ill in the Hartford Hospital. Miss L. G. Boutelle was admitted to membership in the guild. Immediately after the service the business meeting was held in the beautiful Colt Memorial Home. The treasurer's report showed that there was a deficit in the treasury, owing to the fact that some of the members had neglected to pay their annual dues. We trust that this will be shortly rectified. The secretary reported that there had been during the year nine regular meetings with a total attendance of two hundred and one members—one hundred and sixteen nurses and eighty-five associates. One associate, the Rev. C. G. Bristol, died November 30, 1901, and five nurses, Miss Ball, Miss Carter, Miss Cottle, Mrs. Cheyney, and Miss Friend, have resigned. Six nurses have been admitted, Miss Leigh, Miss Chapin, Miss Coombs, Miss White, Miss Lindwood, and Miss Hardiman. We now number ninety-one nurses and nineteen associates, with our chaplain. The officers of last year were reelected—Miss Edith Beach, secretary, and Miss A. H. Washburn, treasurer. A photograph of those present was taken outside the northeast door. We were pleased to have with us as guests the rector of the parish and Mrs. Samuel Colt. The attendance of the members was much smaller than usual at our annual meeting owing to various causes, and we were all saddened by our great anxiety in regard to Miss Pilgard. She began to improve, however, that afternoon, and we are rejoicing now over her steady gain each day towards health and strength. A cheery letter has also been received from Miss Nancy M. Cornelius, telling of her happiness in her work at the hospital at Oneida.

ORANGE, N. J.—We have many pleasant things to record this month, the mention of which, we hope, will reach the eyes of those far-off members who are not so fortunate as to take part in these meetings.

April 24 found us assembled at the Church of the Holy Communion in South Orange with a large attendance. The service was fully choral, with a well-rendered anthem. A very well-chosen address was delivered by the rector, the Rev. A. Cameron. An important business meeting followed in the parish-room. It was requested that all nominations for officers and delegates be sent

before June 11, either to Miss M. Henry, 68 Henry Street, or Mrs. d'A. Stephen, 475 Main Street, Orange. Other business ensued, and at the close of the meeting we were pleasantly entertained by the ladies of the parish in the spacious rooms adjoining the church.

On May 15 our eventful fair took place, for which some of us had been working with such untiring zeal. The entire Parish House of Grace Church, Orange, had been put at our disposal, and we utilized the whole of the upper floor. Each department was decked with a single color, which was worn by those who served; as far as practicable the color scheme was carried out in the floral decorations. The whole effect was harmonious and beautiful.

A jack-in-the-box and Punch and Judy show were provided for the amusement of the juveniles, and supper was served all the evening on inviting little tables. We feel very well satisfied with the result, which has amounted so far to four hundred and fifty dollars, with *no expenses*. We were slightly handicapped by the other philanthropic schemes on foot at present, as we have just raised a large sum for the Isolation Infirmary, and appeals are out for the fresh-air work. We trust many members of the guild will not fail to remember that without their timely aid disappointment will be the fate of those who will be left behind to fight the heat in their crowded tenement-rooms unless money comes in generously, not omitting the mites for lack of larger means. Even if you can't go away yourself, spare something to help another to go. A member of the guild expects to be in charge of the party this year as matron of the house, and we continue to coöperate with all the other charitable organizations of Orange.

May 28 we met for our last meeting before the annual at St. Andrew's Church, South Orange. We had a very fair attendance, though not as many as last year, as many nurses were engaged at too great a distance to come. The rector made the address on prayer, which could not fail to impress those who were present. During the short business meeting the report of the fair was read, which proved satisfactory. After the adjournment we were served with the daintiest of sandwiches, cakes, ice-cream, and coffee. We have been accorded so many pleasant welcomes at all the churches where our services have been held, that we should like it known how much we have appreciated the time and trouble expended on our entertainment.

Our annual festival opened brightly, and a large number of members met at Grace Church, Orange, for the celebration of the Holy Communion, commencing at nine-thirty, there being about fifty communicants. Our chaplain delivered an address, which, though short, was one of the finest that has been listened to, on the life of our patron saint, showing how much can be gathered and learned from even the little that is recorded of him by those who seek below the surface. Five active members and three associates were admitted during the service. A business meeting was held at ten-thirty in the Memorial Parish House and was largely attended. All the officers were reelected and delegates chosen for the next council meeting.

The report of the sick relief fund was encouraging. There are sixty-five members, and the capital on hand is over fifty-three hundred dollars—about six hundred dollars having been raised by the fair and the birthday party. The report of the Isolation Infirmary stated that the foundations were well above ground, and it was expected to be fully ready for occupancy by September. A small portion of the money needed has still to be made up, but no difficulty is anticipated in raising it. The day closed most unfortunately,

heavy rain falling at the hour which had been arranged for the reception given by our secretary, Mrs. Howe, at her residence on the mountain in Llewellyn Park. We were not to be daunted, however, so, when the special cars started for our destination, sixty members were bold enough to brave the rain and were amply rewarded by the delightful time which all so much enjoyed.

We regret to record the very serious illness of Mrs. Agnes Victor, of the Class of 1890. On June 4 Miss E. Crane was married to Mr. J. Wilcox, of Pine Hill, N. Y. Miss Amy Dakin has removed to California for the benefit of her health.

PHILADELPHIA BRANCH.—The May meeting of St. Barnabas Guild was held at Holy Trinity Chapel. The address was delivered by the Rev. Floyd Tompkins. After the business meeting, at which two new members and one associate were admitted, the usual social gathering, at which tea is served, was held.

The guild is adding new members and associates at each meeting. The Cranford entertainment given by Miss Browne for the benefit of the guild was a success, one hundred dollars being added to the treasury. On May 26 Mrs. Charles Whelen gave one of her charming entertainments at St. James' Parish House for the members of the guild and their friends. Rev. Richard Thomas delivered the annual sermon to the guild on June 8 at the Church of the Ascension.

